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WILBERT LEROY BRAINARD

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The funeral of Wilbert Leroy Brainard, of the famous Brainard Eating and Stopping Place, who passed away at his ranch near Ft. St. John, Sept. 18, was held from the Hythe United church on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Internment took place in the Hythe cemetery.

Mr. Brainard is survived by his wife, living at Brainard, and two daughters, Mrs. Alberta Collins, at Menard, Montana, and Mrs. E. Henderson, Hythe.

Mr. Brainard attended the oldtimers round-up at Grand Haven on Friday. He was in his usual happy frame of mind and appeared to be in good health.

He passed away sometime between midnight and morning at his ranch.

Born in Minnesota, Mr. Brainard came to Canada thirty-one years ago and settled at Brainard in 1915. Six years ago he took up land in the Blueberry country, and established a horse ranch which he operated up to the time of his death.

Deceased at one time had charge of a section of the highway west of Hythe.

Mr. Brainard had planned to visit his home at Brainard shortly, but instead, Mrs. Brainard received the distressing news of his death.

Deceased, who had the faculty of making friends wherever he went, will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His

hearty welcome will be missed at both the Brainard stopping place and at his ranch.

Mr. Brainard was in his eighty-first year.

Albright: We have no precise data about Mrs. Brainard but Mrs. Brainard told me once that she was born in North Carolina. She served a sumptuous meal for the Sir Henry Thornton Party after which Sir Henry, who was a great trencherman, inscribed on her visitor's book, "to the author of the best meal I ever ate". When later she fell off a building and broke her leg he wrote her a letter of condolence. I believe she would have broken two legs for that letter.